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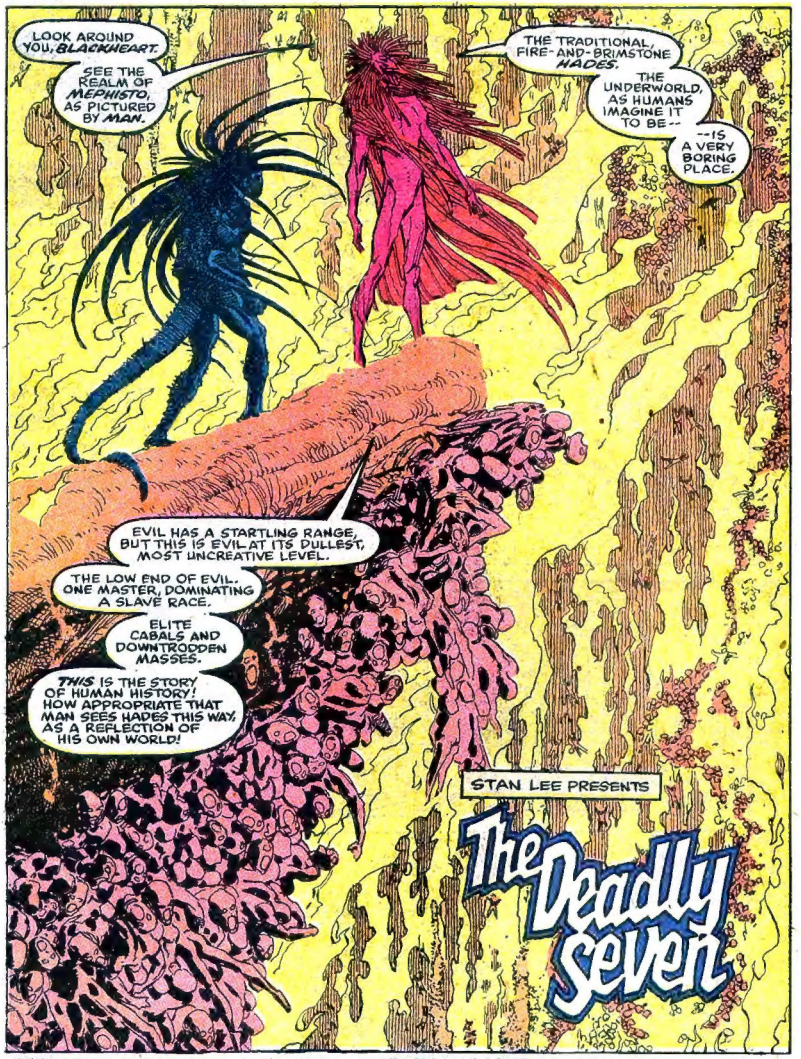

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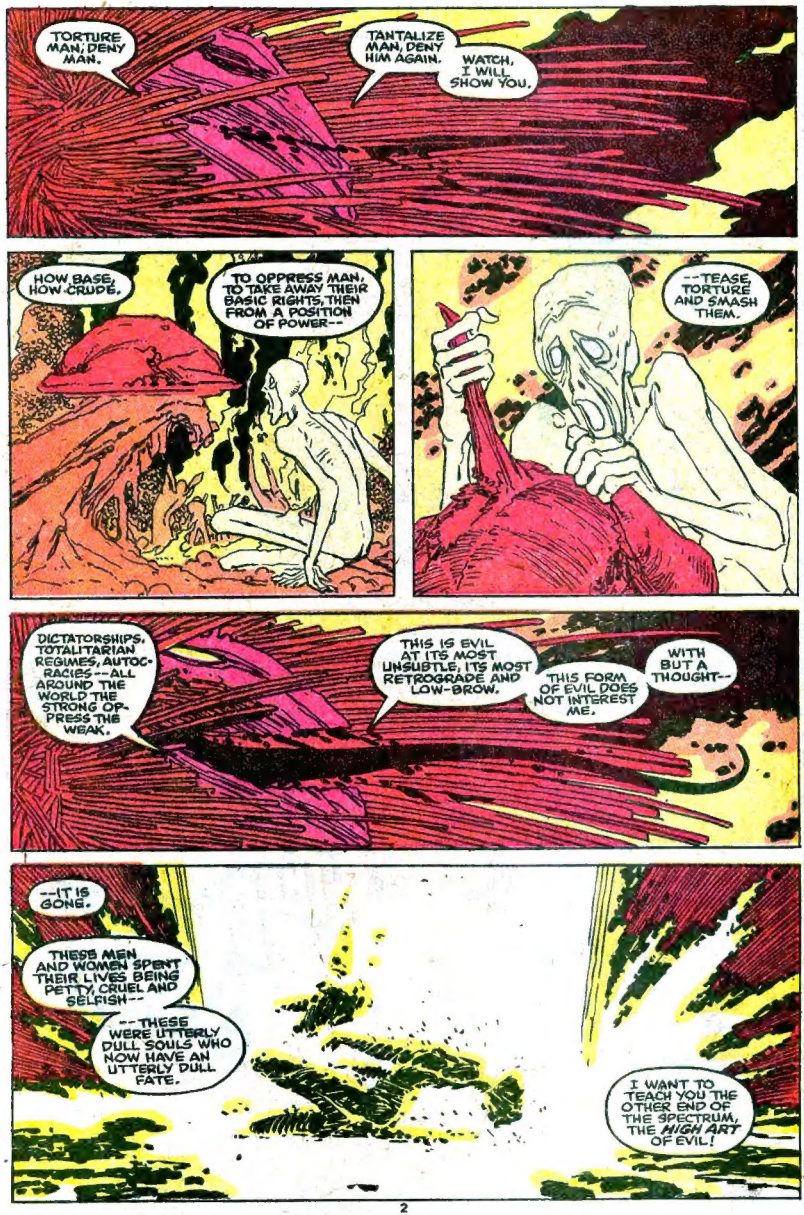
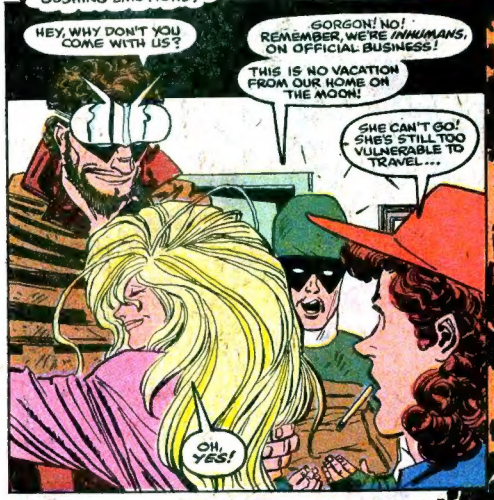
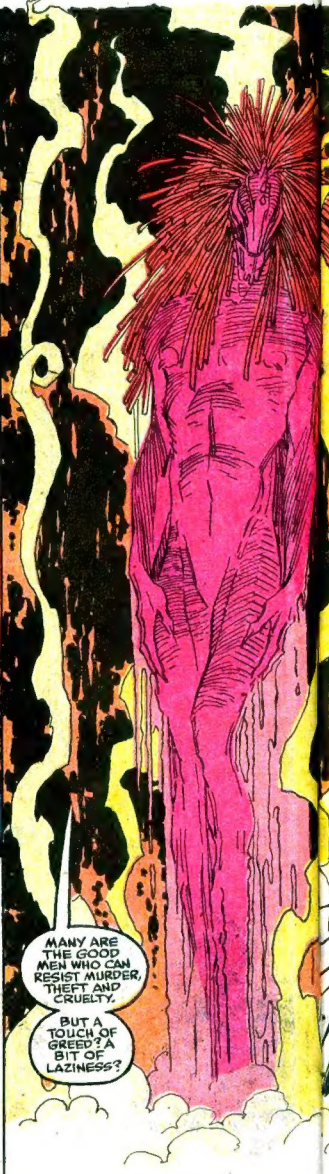

TORTURE MAN, DENY MAN.
TANTALIZE MAN, DENY HIM AGAIN.
WATCH, I WILL SHOW YOU.
HOW BASE, HOW CRUDE.
TO OPPRESS MAN, TO TAKE AWAY THEIR BASIC RIGHTS, THEN FROM A POSITION OF POWER--
--TEASE, TORTURE AND SMASH THEM.
DICTATORSHIPS, TOTALITARIAN REGIMES, AUTOCRACIES--ALL AROUND THE WORLD THE STRONG OPPRESS THE WEAK.
THIS IS EVIL AT ITS MOST UNSUBTLE, ITS MOST RETROGRADE AND LOW-BROW.
THIS FORM OF EVIL DOES NOT INTEREST ME.
WITH BUT A THOUGHT--
--IT IS GONE.
THESE MEN AND WOMEN SPENT THEIR LIVES BEING PETTY, CRUEL AND SELFISH--
--THESE WERE UTTERLY DULL SOULS WHO NOW HAVE AN UTTERLY DULL FATE.
I WANT TO TEACH YOU THE OTHER END OF THE SPECTRUM, THE HIGH ART OF EVIL!

A RANCH, UPSTATE NEW YORK.
HERE SIX LIVES INTERSECTED, A DRAMA WAS PLAYED OUT, AND AS IT IS WITH LIFE, IT IS TIME THE SIX WERE PARTED.
SO YOU'RE ON TO POTTERSVILLE, GORGON?
YES, BRANDY. IT IS OUR NEXT LEAP TO OUR LEADER BLACK BOLT'S MISSING CHILD.
WELL, GOOD LUCK TO YOU, YOU TOO, KARNAK.
THANK YOU, BRANDY.
I MADE YOU LUNCH!
OH, I'LL MISS YOU SO MUCH!
AND I'LL MISS YOU, NUMBER NINE!
HERE! YOU BIG BOYS MUST EAT WELL TO STAY STRONG!
HOW THOUGHTFUL!
WHAT WILL WE DO WITHOUT YOU?
...IT IS EASY TO MAKE AN EVIL MAN SIN, BUT IT IS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT TO MAKE A GOOD MAN BETRAY WHAT HE BELIEVES IN.
THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS!
SINS OF PRIDE, LUST, AVARICE, SLOTH...
THEY ARE THE WORST OF SINS, FOR THROUGH THEM YOU CAN CORRUPT A GOOD MAN.
INGENIOUS EVIL, CREATIVE EVIL--THAT IS THE TRUE ART OF THE DEVIL.
AS FINE AN ART AS A PAINTING BY REMBRANDT, A POEM BY YEATS. A MASTERWORK.
IT CONSISTS OF TAKING A GOOD, STRONG PERSON, AND MAKING HIM FEEL A TINGE OF... JEALOUSY, SAY, AND NURTURE THAT TILL IT GROWS INTO A BURNING FIRE--
--THAT COULD KILL EVEN THE OBJECT OF ENVY.

LOOK AT HOW THEY FAWN OVER HER!
THEY WERE SO ALOOF SAYING GOODBYE TO ME!
BUT WITH NUMBER NINE, A GENETICALLY ALTERED WOMAN, IT'S ALL HUGS AND GUSHING EMOTIONS!


HEY, WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US?
GORGON! NO! REMEMBER, WE'RE INHUMANS, ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS!
THIS IS NO VACATION FROM OUR HOME ON THE MOON!
SHE CAN'T GO! SHE'S STILL TOO VULNERABLE TO TRAVEL...
OH, YES!

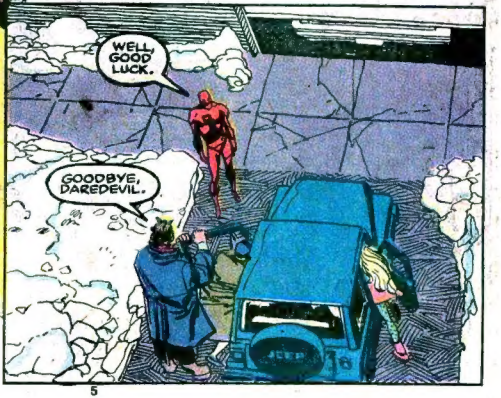
I'D LOVE TO GO!

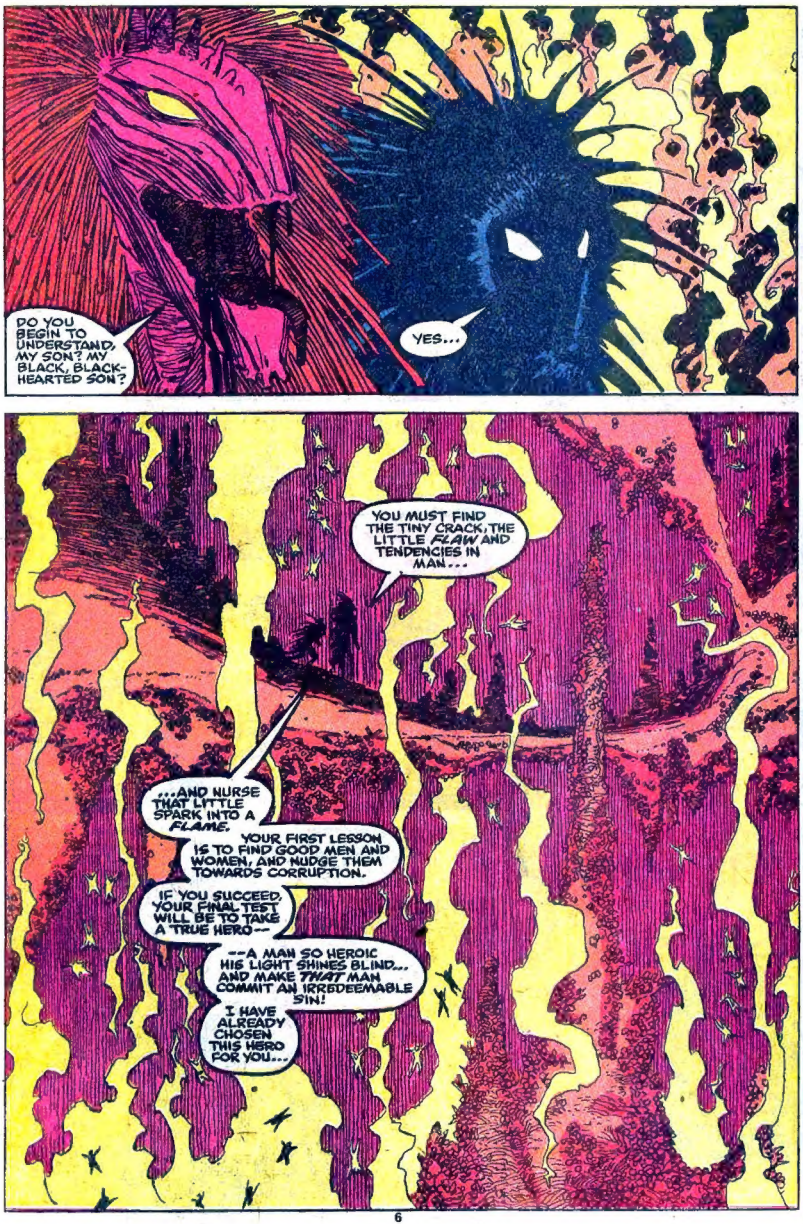

MANY ARE THE GOOD MEN WHO CAN RESIST MURDER, THEFT AND CRUELTY.
BUT A TOUCH OF GREED? A BIT OF LAZINESS?

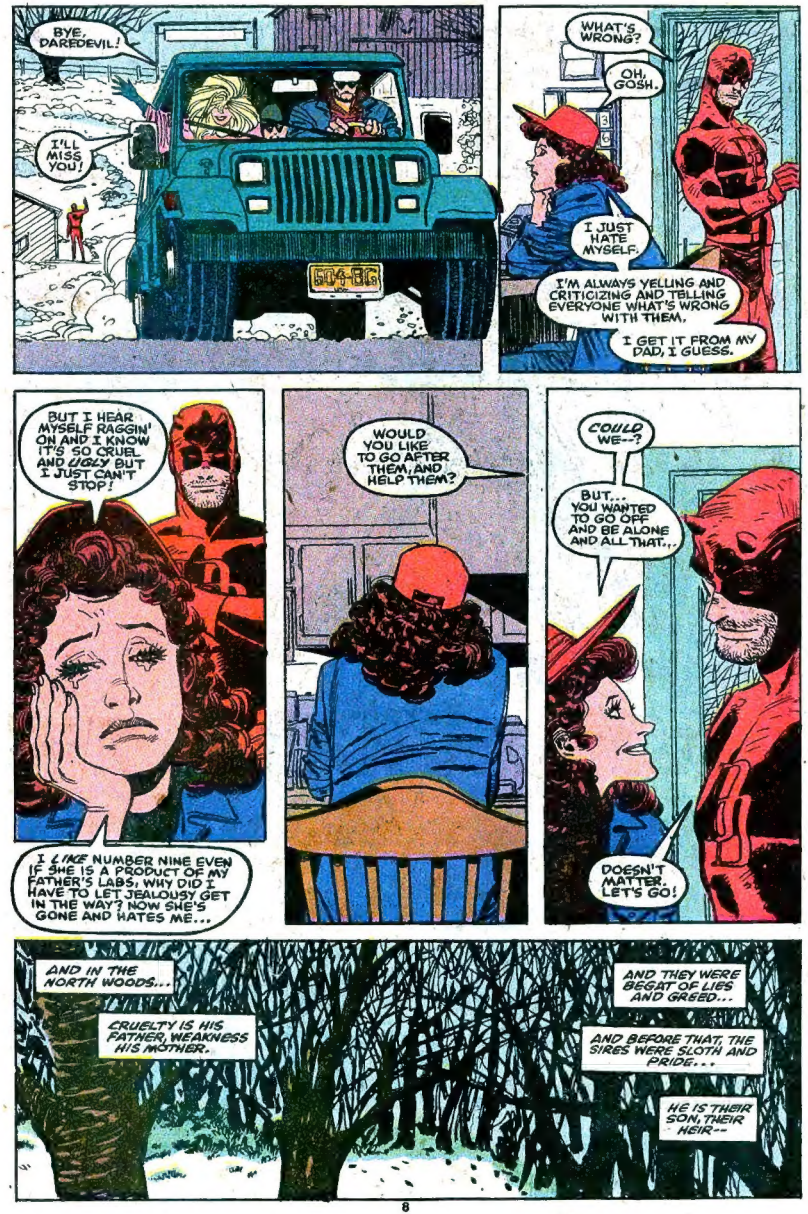
THESE ARE THE SEEDS OF THE RUINATION THAT CAN BRING DOWN THE BEST OF MEN!
THE LITTLE SINS MAN THINKS OF AS SO MINOR, THAT HIS GUARD IS EVER DOWN TO THEM.
HOW FAR, FOR INSTANCE, COULD YOU TAKE THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH--
--OF SUPERIORITY?

NOW, EVERYONE CALM DOWN.
NUMBER NINE HAS HER OWN MIND, LEAVE HER ALONE, AND LET HER DO AS SHE WISHES.

YOU!
YOU'RE SO DARN ALOOF AND SUPERIOR AND ALL-KNOWING I JUST CAN'T STAND IT!
YOU ALWAYS "DO THE RIGHT THING," YOU KNOW, MR. SUPERIOR!
AND YOU MAKE THE REST OF US FEEL LIKE THE LOWEST GARBAGE!
COME ON, BRANDY. RELAX.
LET'S SEE THEM OFF NICELY.
OH, GOD, YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE!


WELL, GOOD LUCK.
GOODBYE, DAREDEVIL.
JEEP


DO YOU BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND, MY SON? MY BLACK, BLACK-HEARTED SON?
YES...
YOU MUST FIND THE TINY CRACK, THE LITTLE FLAW AND TENDENCIES IN MAN...
...AND NURSE THAT LITTLE SPARK INTO A FLAME.
YOUR FIRST LESSON IS TO FIND GOOD MEN AND WOMEN, AND NUDGE THEM TOWARDS CORRUPTION.
IF YOU SUCCEED, YOUR FINAL TEST WILL BE TO TAKE A TRUE HERO--
--A MAN SO HEROIC HIS LIGHT SHINES BLIND... AND MAKE THAT MAN COMMIT AN IRREDEEMABLE SIN!
I HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN THIS HERO FOR YOU...


BYE, DAREDEVIL!
I'LL MISS YOU!
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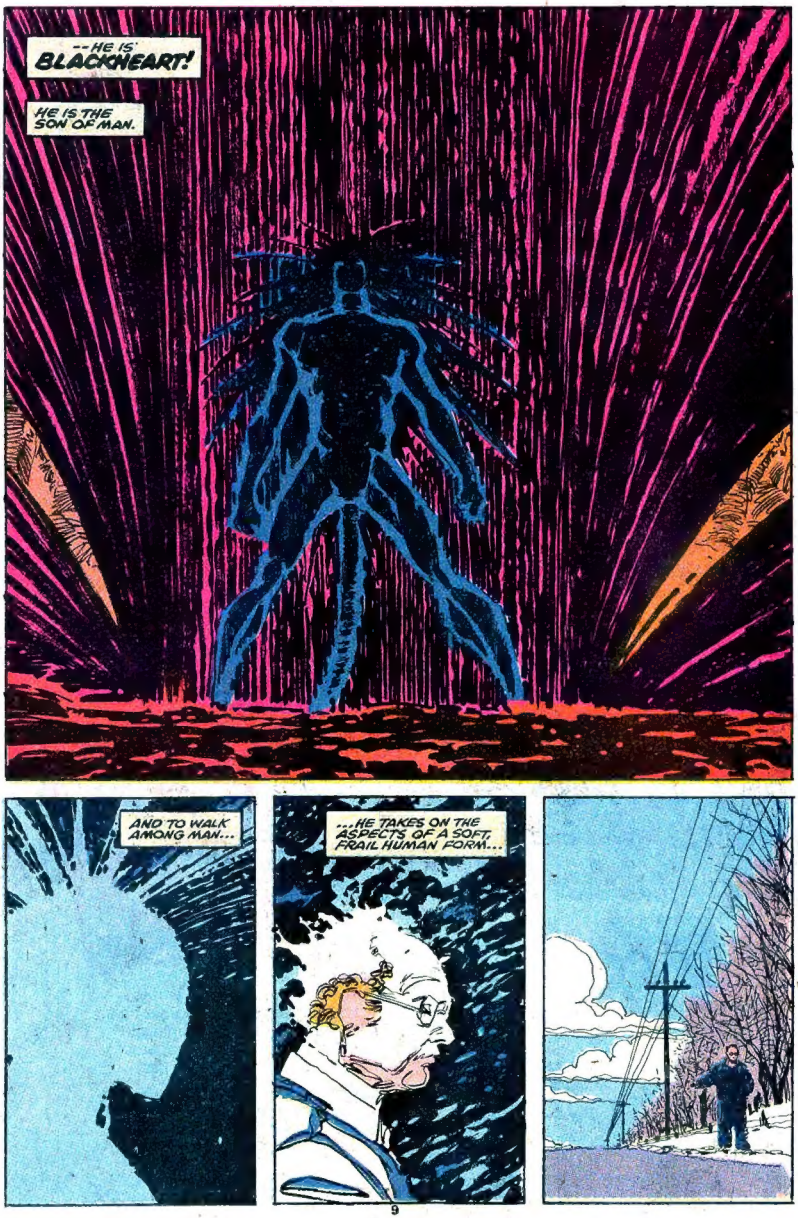
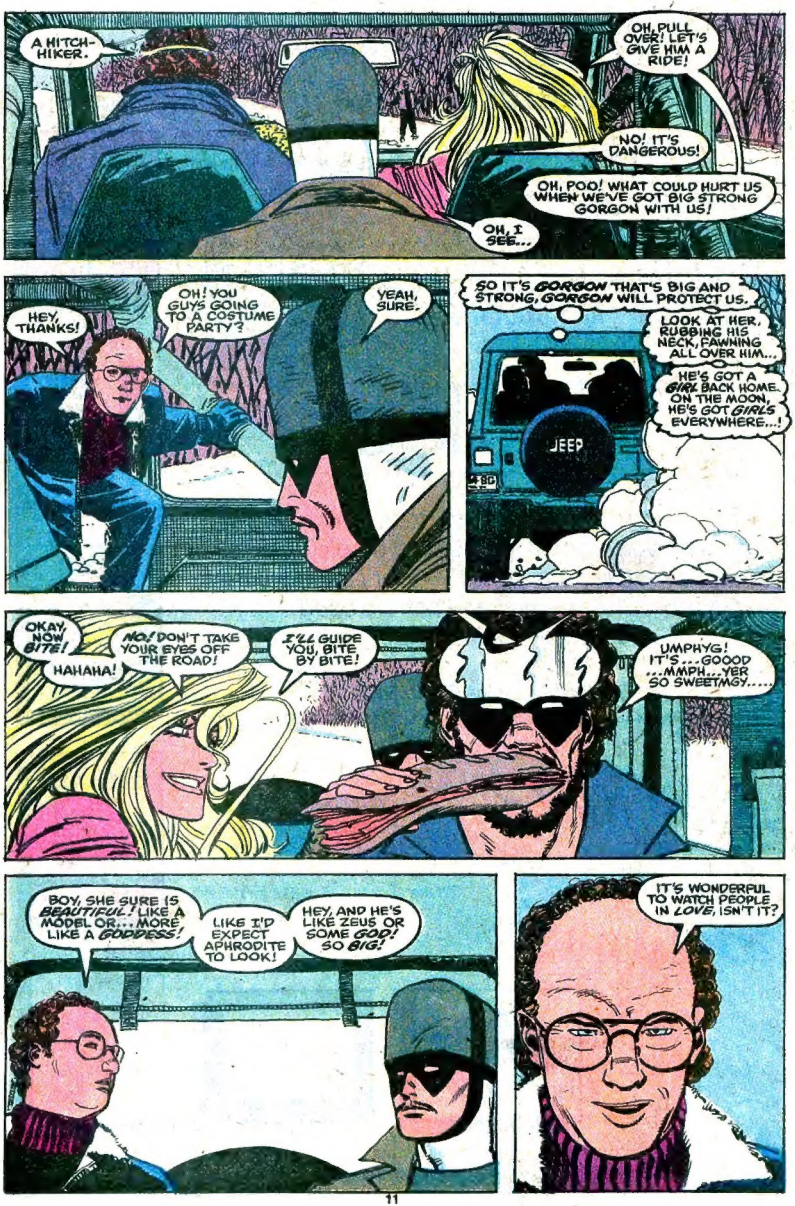
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH, GOSH.
I JUST HATE MYSELF.
I'M ALWAYS YELLING AND CRITICIZING AND TELLING EVERYONE WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM.
I GET IT FROM MY DAD, I GUESS.
BUT I HEAR MYSELF RAGGIN' ON AND I KNOW IT'S SO CRUEL AND UGLY BUT I JUST CAN'T STOP!
I LIKE NUMBER NINE EVEN IF SHE IS A PRODUCT OF MY FATHER'S LABS; WHY DID I HAVE TO LET JEALOUSY GET IN THE WAY? NOW SHE'S GONE AND HATES ME...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO AFTER THEM, AND HELP THEM?
COULD WE--?
BUT... YOU WANTED TO GO OFF AND BE ALONE AND ALL THAT...
DOESN'T MATTER. LET'S GO!
AND IN THE NORTH WOODS...
CRUELTY IS HIS FATHER, WEAKNESS HIS MOTHER.
AND THEY WERE BEGAT OF LIES AND GREED...
AND BEFORE THAT, THE SIRES WERE SLOTH AND PRIDE...
HE IS THEIR SON, THEIR HEIR--


--HE IS BLACKHEART!
HE IS THE SON OF MAN.
AND TO WALK AMONG MAN...
...HE TAKES ON THE ASPECTS OF A SOFT, FRAIL HUMAN FORM...

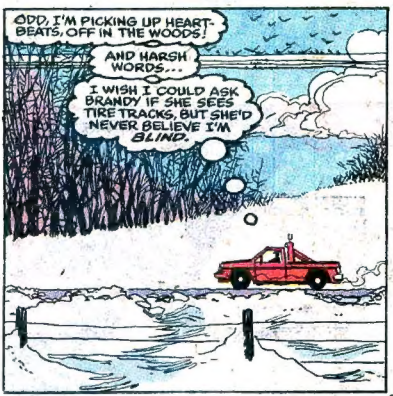

A HITCH-HIKER.
OH, PULL OVER! LET'S GIVE HIM A RIDE!
NO! IT'S DANGEROUS!
OH, POO! WHAT COULD HURT US WHEN WE'VE GOT BIG STRONG GORGON WITH US!
OH, I SEE...
HEY, THANKS!
OH! YOU GUYS GOING TO A COSTUME PARTY?
YEAH, SURE.
SO IT'S GORGON THAT'S BIG AND STRONG, GORGON WILL PROTECT US.
LOOK AT HER, RUBBING HIS NECK, FAWNING ALL OVER HIM...
HE'S GOT A GIRL BACK HOME. ON THE MOON, HE'S GOT GIRLS EVERYWHERE...!
JEEP
OKAY, NOW BITE!
HAHAHA!
NO! DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF THE ROAD!
I'LL GUIDE YOU, BITE BY BITE!
UMPHYG! IT'S...GOOOD ...MMPH...YER SO SWEETMGY.....
BOY, SHE SURE IS BEAUTIFUL! LIKE A MODEL OR... MORE LIKE A GODDESS!
LIKE I'D EXPECT APHRODITE TO LOOK!
HEY, AND HE'S LIKE ZEUS OR SOME GOD! SO BIG!
IT'S WONDERFUL TO WATCH PEOPLE IN LOVE, ISN'T IT?

AN' BOY, THOSE TWO SURE ARE IN LOVE!
THEY'RE OBLIVIOUS TO US!

SO DAREDEVIL! DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE?
HA! NOT REALLY.
MY FUTURE GETS PLANNED FOR ME, SOMEHOW.
I DO KNOW I'VE BEEN LOSING SIGHT OF JUST WHAT IT IS TO DEVOTE YOUR LIFE...
...TO BEING A SO-CALLED HERO.

ACTUALLY, WHEN YOU YELLED AT ME BEFORE...
YOUR WORDS STRUCK A BIT TRUE, ABOUT THE SUPERIORITY OF THE HERO...
BEING OUT ON THE ROAD SO LONG, I'VE BEEN THINKING TOO MUCH.
I NEED ACTION, I NEED THE STREETS OF NEW YORK!

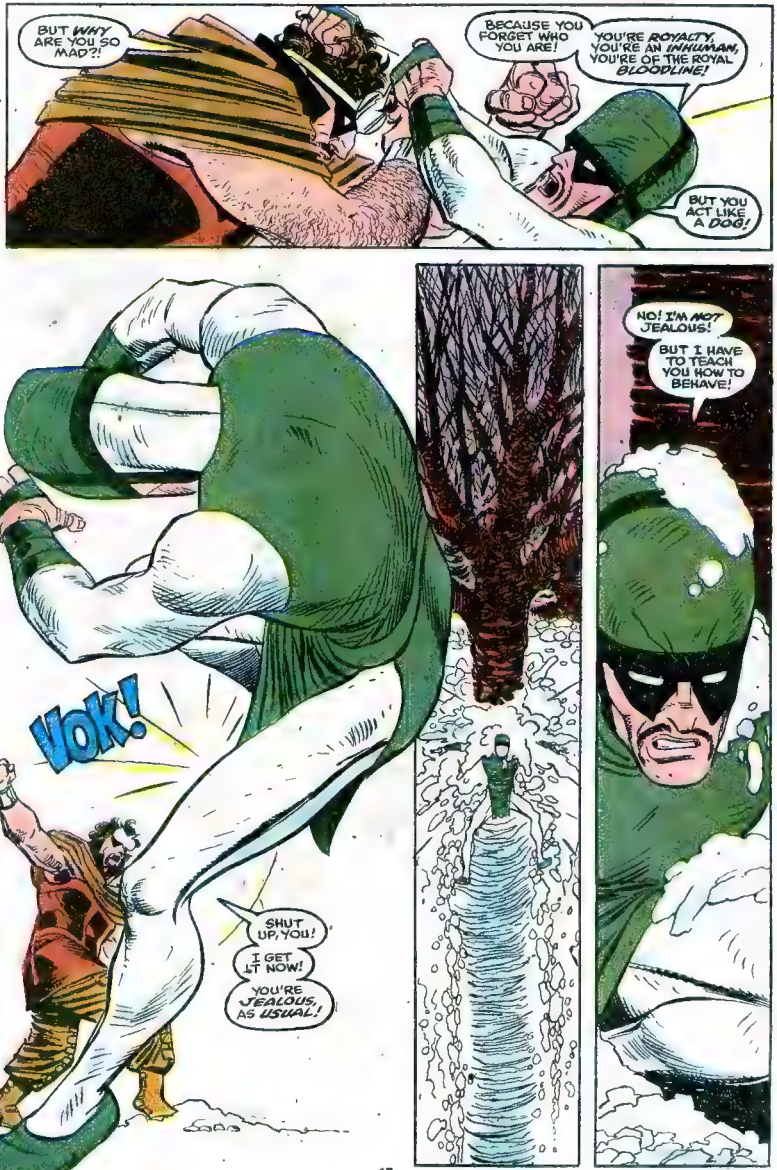
I WANT TO LOSE MYSELF IN THE CHAOS, I WANT TO BE SO BLASTED BY THE MIX OF LIFE IN THE WAR-ZONE OF THE CITY...
...THAT I FORGET ALL MY SELFISH PROBLEMS.
I MISS HELL'S KITCHEN!

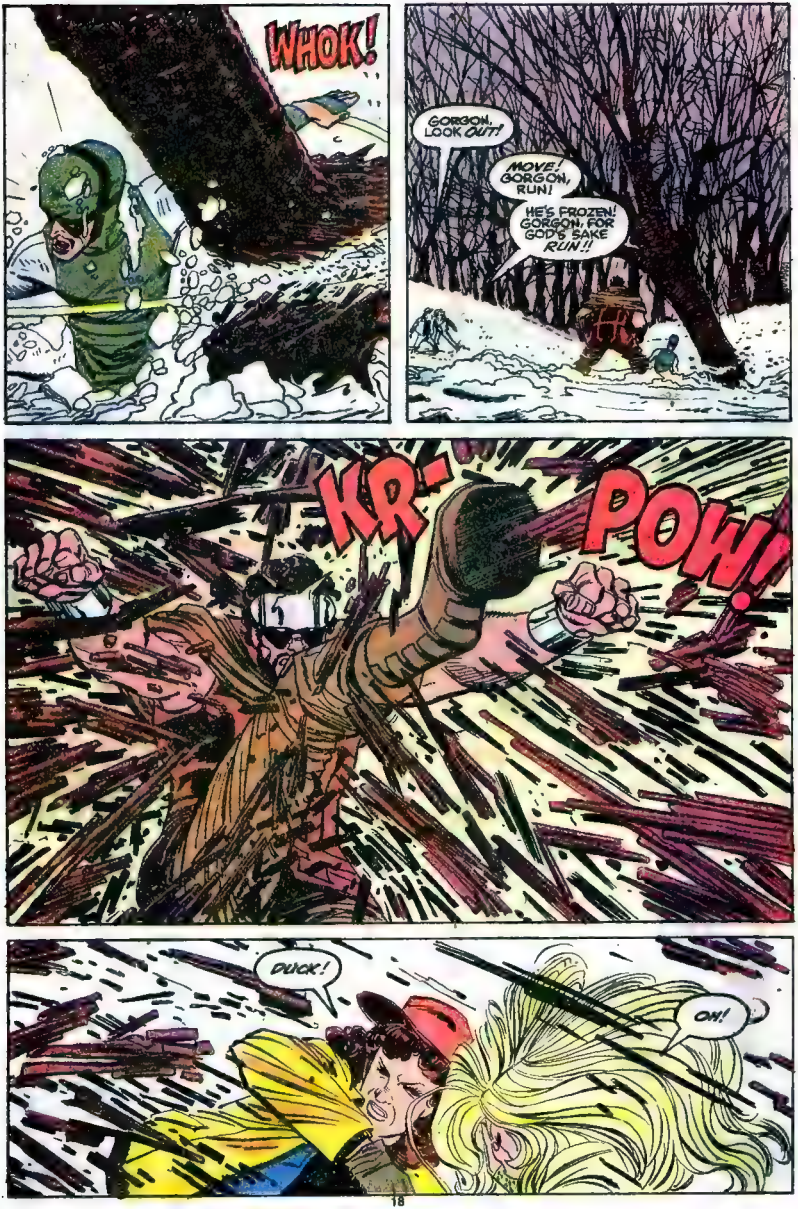

ODD, I'M PICKING UP HEART-BEATS, OFF IN THE WOODS!
AND HARSH WORDS...
I WISH I COULD ASK BRANDY IF SHE SEES TIRE TRACKS, BUT SHE'D NEVER BELIEVE I'M BLIND.

...THERE! MY RADAR PICKS UP A CAR, OFF THE ROAD!
COME ON, BRANDY--DON'T YOU SEE IT?
HEY! THAT'S MY JEEP!
SEE IT?

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY HAD A WRECK...
TRACKS! INTO THE WOODS!
HEY, I HEAR YELLING!
IT'S KARNAK. HE'S TELLING GORGON HE HATES HIM!
REALLY? I CAN'T HEAR THAT...
YOU'RE CRAZY, COUSIN!
HOW CRAZY? HOW CRAZY IS THIS?
WE'VE BEEN LEADING UP TO THIS FIGHT ALL OUR LIVES!
IT MAKES PERFECT SENSE TO ME!
PLEASE, STOP!
KARNAK, CUT IT OUT, NOW!
OH, GOD... I SMELL SOMETHING...
MY SKIN'S CRAWLING! OH, GOD, I CAN FEEL IT IN MY GUT! IT'S THAT CREATURE.

THERE, MY RADAR'S PICKING UP... BUT IT'S JUST AN ORDINARY GUY...?
NO, I'M SURE! IT'S THAT HORROR I FOUGHT ON MY WAY UPSTATE, A MONTH AGO!
DAREDEVIL?!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?
DAREDEVIL! COME BACK HERE!
THEY'RE KILLING EACH OTHER!
DAREDEVIL!
MY SENSES ARE REELING...
I'M GETTING SICK...
NOW I'M SURE.
THAT THING IS NOT OF THIS WORLD.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS BUT I KNOW IT'S EVIL... AN EVIL I'VE ENCOUNTERED BEFORE!


BUT WHY ARE YOU SO MAD?!
BECAUSE YOU FORGET WHO YOU ARE!
YOU'RE ROYALTY, YOU'RE AN INHUMAN, YOU'RE OF THE ROYAL BLOODLINE!
BUT YOU ACT LIKE A DOG!
NO! I'M NOT JEALOUS!
BUT I HAVE TO TEACH YOU HOW TO BEHAVE!
YOK!
SHUT UP, YOU!
I GET IT NOW!
YOU'RE JEALOUS, AS USUAL!

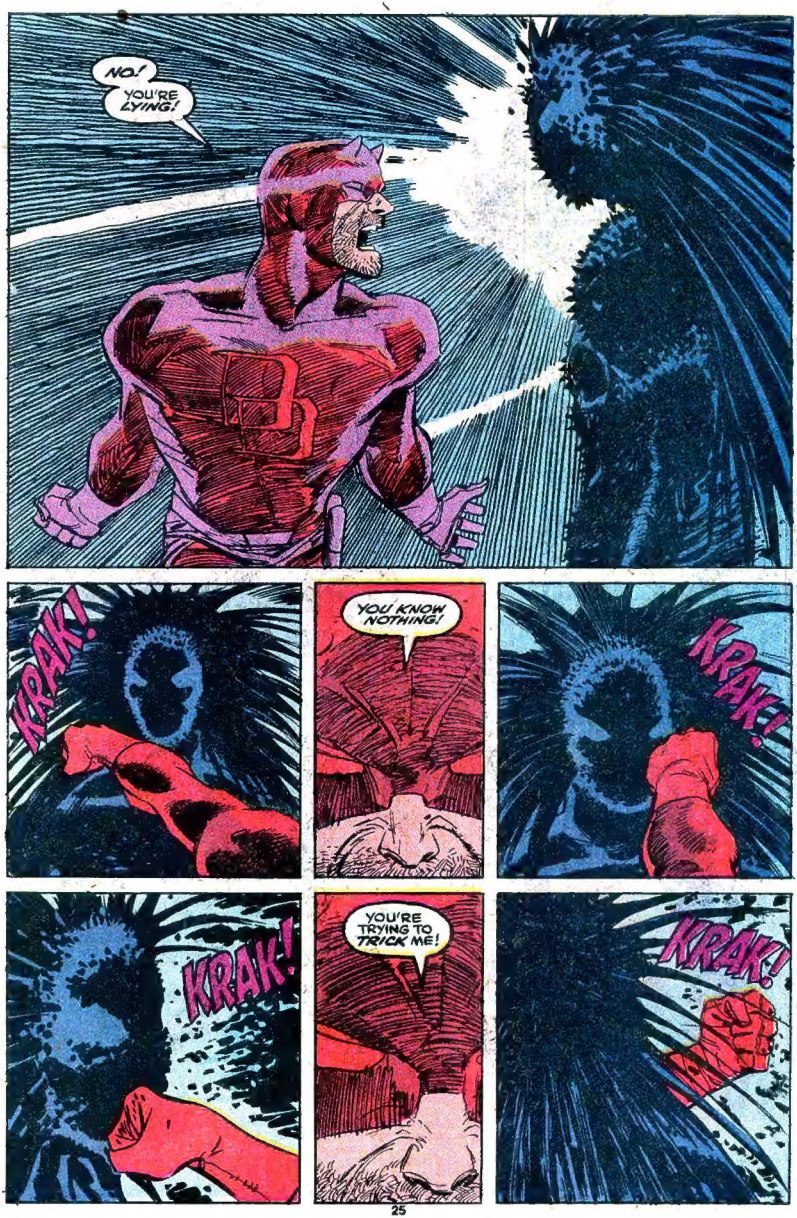

WHOK!
GORGON, LOOK OUT!
MOVE! GORGON, RUN!
HE'S FROZEN! GORGON, FOR GOD'S SAKE RUN!!
KR-
POW!
DUCK!
OH!

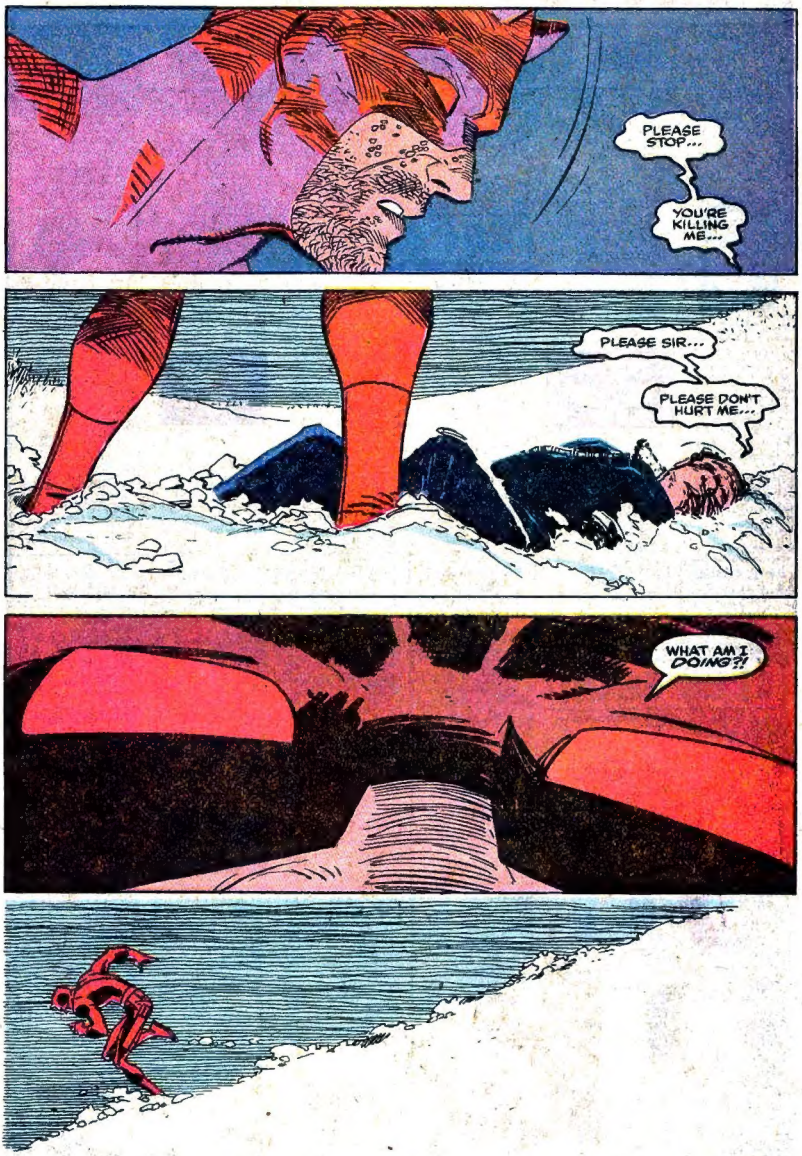
YOU BETTER STOP TELLING ME HOW TO LIVE MY LIFE!
YOU DON'T DESERVE TO WEAR ROYAL CLOTHES!
I'LL RIP THEM OFF YOU!
I'LL KILL YOU!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THIS GUY'S FAT AND OUT OF SHAPE. HIS HEART IS STRUGGLING...
SO WHY CAN'T I CATCH HIM?
THERE!
GOTCHA!
NOW, TELL ME WHO YOU ARE!
WHO ARE YOU?!
WHY DID YOU RUN?!

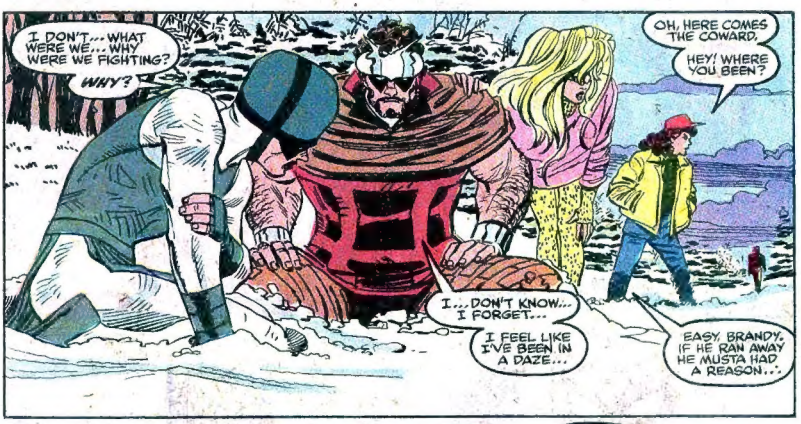
ANSWER ME! ANSWER ME!
WHO ARE YOU?!
QUIT SNIVELING AND SHIVERING!
I'LL MAKE YOU TALK!
TALK!
SMACK!
TALK!
SMACK!

REVEAL YOURSELF, BLAST YOU!!
TALK!
WAP!
HEHEHE.
EVIL DOESN'T *NEED* TO SPEAK.
EVIL IS *SUPERIOR* AND *SILENT*.
IT *WATCHES* AND *JUDGES*.
IT WATCHES OTHERS BE *FLAWED* AND SLOWLY, *GENEROUSLY*, HANDS THEM MORE AND MORE ROPE TILL THEY *HANG*.
EVIL IS ALOOF, *SUPERIOR*, AND SILENT.
EVIL DOESN'T SPEAK, IT FORCES OTHERS TO SAY *TOO MUCH*.
IT HIDES IN ITS BIG, SILENT *GOODNESS*...

...AND THEN IT BLASTS PEOPLE WITH ITS SUPERIOR LIGHT AND WATCHES THEM SQUIRM LIKE DARK BUGS...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, DAREDEVIL?
YOU'RE SWINGING ON YOUR OWN ROPE, DAREDEVIL.
YOU THINK... YOU THINK... YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ME...
...MY HEROIC... SUPERIORITY... MY LIGHT...
WOMP!
NO! THAT'S NOT ME! I'M NOTHING LIKE YOU!


NO! YOU'RE LYING!
KRAK!
YOU KNOW NOTHING!
KRAK!
KRAK!
YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK ME!
KRAK!

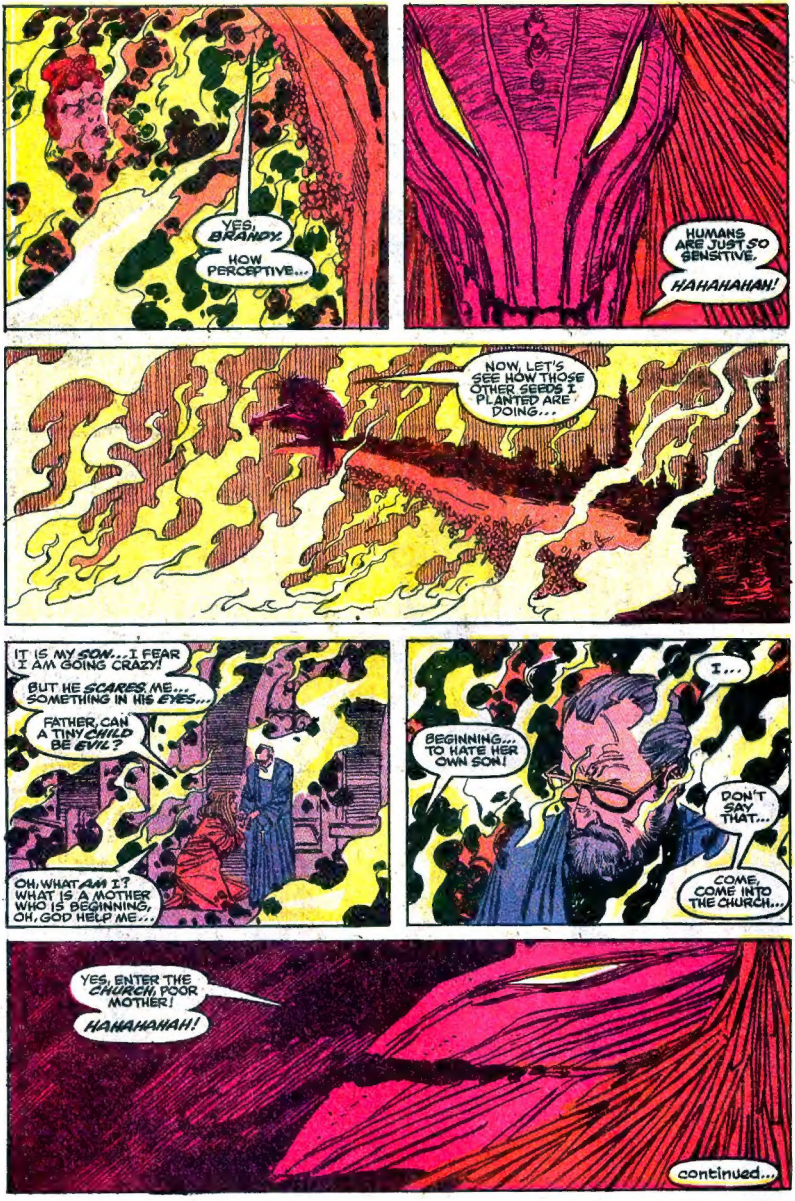

PLEASE STOP...
YOU'RE KILLING ME...
PLEASE SIR...
PLEASE DON'T HURT ME...
WHAT AM I DOING?!


I DON'T... WHAT WERE WE... WHY WERE WE FIGHTING?
WHY?
OH, HERE COMES THE COWARD.
HEY! WHERE YOU BEEN?
I... DON'T KNOW... I FORGET...
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN IN A DAZE...
EASY, BRANDY. IF HE RAN AWAY HE MUSTA HAD A REASON...

YEAH, WHAT?
WHERE'D YOU RUN TO?
I DON'T KNOW...
I WAS CHASING... SOMETHING...
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE SEEN DEATH.
OH, POOR THING!

DAREDEVIL, YOU'RE SHAKING!

CRIPES, THIS IS TOO WEIRD.
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
SKY'S GETTING DARK.
IT'S GONNA STORM.
I FEEL LIKE WE'RE IN SOMEBODY'S NIGHTMARE...


YES, BRANDY. HOW PERCEPTIVE...
HUMANS ARE JUST SO SENSITIVE. HAHAHAHAH!
NOW, LET'S SEE HOW THOSE OTHER SEEDS I PLANTED ARE DOING...
IT IS MY SON... I FEAR I AM GOING CRAZY!
BUT HE SCARES ME... SOMETHING IN HIS EYES...
FATHER, CAN A TINY CHILD BE EVIL?
OH, WHAT AM I? WHAT IS A MOTHER WHO IS BEGINNING, OH, GOD HELP ME...
I...
BEGINNING... TO HATE HER OWN SON!
DON'T SAY THAT...
COME, COME INTO THE CHURCH...
YES, ENTER THE CHURCH, POOR MOTHER! HAHAHAHAH!
continued...